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RAT POPIN TOMBSTONE

This tombstone is the inspiration for my newest cemetery animation. The hardest part was duplicating the urn on top. The big surprise will be a rat popping up from under the lid when folks pass by.



Here you can see my version of the stone done in foam. There were a lot of difficult angles and curves to this piece but I managed to re-create most of them.



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Here is a closer view of the top. The Urn was made by glueing 5 sheets of foam together and a lot of carving and sanding. For the complex angled curves I used cardboard to get the basic shape. Then I covered the cardboard with a good layer of drywall compound. The motor and mechanism for the rat is housed inside the top section. I will make a diagram



It is a bit difficult to see here, but this is a pic of the Oak leaf relief. There are four of these that I sculpted from clay and then cast in plaster. They go in the middle of the funny shape on the left. In addition to the Oak leaves I am also casting 20 rose-ets to go on the stone.



To the left are the two Lion heads that go on each side of the stone. This is my own addition to the piece. I am going to have fog coming from their mouths. Fog will also be spilling out from the urn on top.



Here is shot of the back. you can see the configuration I have for the fog. I am using a Skull Fogger, minus the skull. The fog is directed out both sides, from the lions mouths, and up and out the top of the Urn.



Here are a couple of new pics. I got a coat of white primer on and it looks much different from the above pink version.



Here is the finished stone as it appeared in my cemetery this year. At the last minute I had the rat cam break. I opted not to fix it this year.

The fog worked well except for excess fog juice collecting in the tubes and blocking them. I made a quick fix and it worked fine.